

toes, with detached kitchen, storeroom, and stable; also a lot of building stone, wood, and other materials. Upon this allotment there is a waterhole of the best description—never known to be dry. The above property possesses many other advantages, which have only to be seen to be appreciated.

Full particulars given on day of sale. Also, a team of draught horses with harness and drays, and several other horses.

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perently before Europe the gold advantage this colony has as a field for European emigration. As matters stand at present, those who intend returning to the colony will have to wait a long time before they can get their work here many years ago for imported labour, and this is still carried out in importing shepherds and other labourers from Germany—the passage-money being the only thing paid by the colony. The colony has been the term of agreement; and as there is a large amount of unemployed labour at present in England and on the Continent, it will be difficult to get the colony to pay for the purpose of growing cotton, and thus give a fair trial to our new branch of industry.

Am, Sir, your obedient servant,
Sydney, 18th August.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA.
To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR.—Like you the cotton fever is raging strong with us farmers, with any of your numerous correspondents answer to me.

1. What sort of land is best for the growing of cotton, in what manner land—or flooded?

2. In what season is land prepared for reception of seed?

3. Is seed sown broadcast, or in drills? How much seed to the acre?

4. Is the land to be sown annually?

5. Crop when ripe? How to gather—preserve—and prepare?

6. Is steam or horse power requisite? The sort of implements to till and to prepare the land for cropping?

7. Will it be difficult to get the quantity? The quantity per acre? Price per lb. in Home market?

Answers to the above queries will oblige many farmers, as also

Your obedient servant,
JOHN McDONALD.
Pill Town, 12th August.

THE NEW POLICE.
To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR.—A correspondent of the Herald, in a recent issue of your paper, the 4th instant, asks the following Query—“When will those in power give to the district that ‘police protection’ which has been refused to the colony, but will, however, endeavour to enlighten him. We shall have for ‘police protection’ that we are entitled to expect the sum of money granted by our Legislature for that purpose.”

Firstly, When the officer, who has the entire rule, management, and control of the police force of the colony, has been appointed, and the necessary arrangements made for the various localities and requirements of the different districts under his supervision, then to be obtained from an acquaintance with the city of Sydney and a few miles beyond it.

Secondly, When the officers appointed to the charge of divisible cities and towns, and the necessary arrangements for the localities and inhabitants therein, and possess some slight knowledge of the duties they are called upon to perform.

Thirdly, When the duties committed to them are such as they can carry out without one requirement totally precluding the fulfilment of another, as at present is not unique, but a great deal of knowledge is required, and when the one hundred pages of red tape and absurdity, called the police instructions and regulations, are abolished and clear and easy to understand, to the legitimate supervision of their respective officers, to be controlled as common sense and local circumstances may suggest.

At present police regulations (which, by the way, have an awful lot of credit for their complexity and perfectly unworkable, and experience will daily prove the fact. It is a mistake to try and utilize the rural police, for if the police force is to be a real police force, the management of the force in the head office in Sydney be persisted in, mistakes must occur, delay will be unavoidable, and the result will be a complete failure.

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